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Recycling of e-Waste
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is a huge gap between the e-waste generated and the capacity developed to deal with it in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
(c) the number and recycling capacity of the e-waste recyclers/dismantlers operating in the country, State-wise; and
(d) the funds allocated and utilized for construction of e-waste recyclers/ dismantlers during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) to (d) No systematic inventorisation of e-waste generation has been carried out in the country. As per the estimate by the Central Pollution Control Board, the e-waste generation in 2012 was eight (8) lakh tone. The combined capacity of one forty eight (148) registered e-waste dismantling / recycling units is four lakhs fifty five thousand and fifty eight (455058) tone per annum. The State-wise details of number of registered dismantlers / recyclers is given at Annexure.The Ministry has no programme for providing financial support to set up e-waste dismantling and recycling units. As per e- waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011, the responsibility for disposal of e- waste in environmentally sound manner is vested with the producers of electronic and electrical equipments.
To ensure better implementation of management of electronic waste, Ministry has published draft e-Waste (Management) Rules, 2015. The provisions of this Draft Rule include expanding producer's responsibility under Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), setting up of Producer Responsibility Organizations, and e-waste Exchange, assigning specific responsibility to bulk consumers of electronic products for safe disposal, providing for economic incentives for collection of electronic waste, and other measures to include dedicated responsibility of electronic and electrical product producers for collection and channelizing of electronic waste. Simplification in permission process for dismantling and recycling through one system of authorization instead of both registration and authorisation has been proposed.

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